Rt. 8, Frederick, Md. 21701
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Dear Mr. Jones,

Your listener has not kept up with me, which makes recollection of eight years that much more satisfying to me. The second of the Whitewash books appeared in early December, 1966, and we left Hyattstown nine months later.

There is an odd switch, which limits the degree to which I can honor your request. Because I was the first (remember Wordsworth?) the publisher opposition against me was greatest, so I had to invent the underground book to open the subject. I thus became my own and the country's smallest (and brokest!) publisher.

I can't give press copies of books that at some point will be out of print and currently provide my only and quite limited income. When they are gone I'll not be able to reprint. With the current book, for which my colleague borrowed the money to pay the printer, there are no freebees and I didn't send a single review copy out. We couldn t afford either and the prejudice among reviewers, who are on the teat of commercial publishers, has precluded reviews of my earlier ones. The major print media gave Whitewash IV major attention but all paid for their copies. As a result of this policy, we owe only about $3,000 on that one publishing bill. You are probably aware that there are many others.

In fact, virtually all copies sold to date have been from my by-phone appearance on commercial AM stations, all of which have given my name, address and the $6.25 by-mail price. Listeners send me a check and by return mail I send them the book. It is hot and became topical as hell about a month after appearance on the CIA aspect alone. The washoff on the programs must have been good because I was referred around.

So, here are the two books you asked for. When you have read them, please return them unless you want to buy them.

It is not probable that I'll be in Detroit or that area any time soon. There is no publisher to send me around. I travel only when I make speeches. I have no booking bureau because to begin with I could not meet engagements, favoring continuing my investigations.

Not knowing what "early morning" really means I can't offer to do your show by phone. Perhaps if you want it could be possible. I am almost 62, so I've reduced my working day to from 18 hours up, depending on need. I find the pre-dawn hours most productive, so I try to get into bed about 11.

Of course there is no standard format so I cangt anticipate yours. There are shows that tape interviews by phone and use them as the beginning of the talk and call-ins.

In any event these books are available from me only. Unless you give the prices if you mention any it becomes a real problem because it means that I must then write a letter in answer to each inquiry. What this really means is that since the appearance of Whitewash IV between sending out copies and keeping up to date as much as possible with other work I've not been able to return to writing. There is much noise and self-promotion about all the work that is being done but the actuality is that virtually none is, so I feel an even greater pressure to cut out everything that interferes with writing. There appears to be too great a probability that what I do not write may not get written. I am the only one who was been in this without interruption from the first. My investigations and research have yielded much. It is, as I see and feel it, important to get as much as possible on paper. So, I do hope you will do as all the other stations have and give your listeners all the info they need to get whatever they may want. Thanks much.

Sincerely,
Harold Weisberg